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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 8/29/01 with respect to the above-identified application, the Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the instant application in view of the following response.

REMARKS

A petition and fee for a one-month extension to respond to the pending Office Action is being submitted concurrently herewith.

The Applicants affirm the election to prosecute the invention of Group I, Claims 1 and 2, as made by the Applicants' attorney in a telephone conversation with the Examiner on August 24, 2001.